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FOUNDATION AND HISTORY

The Royal College of Music was founded by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, in 1883 and incorporated by Royal Charter. His Royal Highness became the first President of the College and continued actively in that office until his accession to the throne. The Governing Body is the President and Council, who delegate to the Executive and Finance Committee the general management of the College and the control of its funds. The President has always been a member of the Royal Family and is at present Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

The present building was erected in 1894, through the generosity of Mr. Samson Fox, on a site granted by the Royal Commissioners of the Exhibition of 1851. The large Concert hall was built in 1903; the Opera theatre and inner Entrance hall with its valuable collection of old instruments, were added later.

The College has two libraries: (i) a comprehensive general library where students may borrow music and textbooks, and (ii) a reference library where students may study rare books and music, early editions, complete editions, etc. This library also contains the R.C.M. MSS. Collection which for many years was on loan to the British Museum.

The Council has drawn up plans for a new building now under construction which will provide much needed additional accommodation and amenities. It is hoped that this new accommodation will be available in 1965. At the time of going to Press, a further £39,000 is still needed to reach the Appeal target of £250,000.

CURRICULUM

The College provides a comprehensive musical training for full-time students of any nationality between the ages of 16 and 25. Students over the age of 25 will normally only be admitted for advanced work. Apart from the Short Course, which is explained below, there are no facilities for study of single subjects on a part time basis.

The College also provides a special curriculum for children between the ages of 7 and 18 from 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. on Saturdays during term time. Full details may be obtained from Miss M. G. Humby, at the College.

It is usual for students to take two practical subjects in addition to theoretical work and general musicianship classes, but it is the policy of the College to make timetables as flexible as possible to suit individual needs. Practical subjects include Pianoforte, Pianoforte Accompaniment, Organ, Harpsichord, Singing, Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass, Harp, Guitar, Recorder, and all normal orchestral wind and brass instruments. Composition may be taken in lieu of a practical study by students who show that they have ability and a special interest in this subject, and History and Criticism may be taken by advanced students. From September 1964, a course in Music Therapy and Practical instruction in Music for Viols will be offered as a second study for suitably qualified senior students.

Conducting may be taken as a second study by some students who appear to be suitable for the work. The size of the class is limited and preference is normally given to those in their second or third year. Senior students, who show special aptitude, may also be able to take this subject as a first study. For those who are interested in Opera, there are opportunities for training in repetiteur work.

In addition to classes in general musicianship, there are three college orchestras, a chamber orchestra, a wind repertory class, a choral class, language classes for first study singers and instrumental ensemble classes for specially selected students.

COURSES AND DIPLOMAS

- (a) **Normal Training and A.R.C.M. Diploma.** Available to all students who are not following any of the special courses listed below. The usual period is three years, but students can also be accepted for a shorter period, provided it is not less than one year. The majority of students take an A.R.C.M. diploma, though it is not compulsory to do so, nor is the diploma necessarily taken at the end of the period of training.

An A.R.C.M. diploma in either Performing or Teaching is offered in most practical subjects to both internal and external students. To gain qualified teacher status under the Ministry of Education Burnham Scales of Pay, diploma holders must also successfully undertake a course at a Teacher Training College, normally of one year's duration. Application may be made for the special A.R.C.M. syllabus.

- (b) **G.R.S.M. Training.** A comprehensive training of three years' duration leading to the G.R.S.M., which is gained by examination at the conclusion of the course. This training can only be begun in September of each year, and students under 18 years old on December 31st of the year of commencement are not eligible. A necessary qualification is a G.C.E. with five subjects at "O" level or an acceptable equivalent. Only students who are reasonably versatile on a keyboard instrument can be accepted, and all G.R.S.M. students must take a keyboard instrument as one of their studies. Periodic examinations are held in all subjects covered by the Syllabus, and those who fail to reach the prescribed standards in any subject will either have to repeat a part of the course, thus lengthening its duration by one year, or transfer to the normal training.

Those who gain the diploma may apply for the optional 4th year of Teaching Training organized by the Institute of Education of London University and also some other University Departments.

The G.R.S.M. carries Graduate status under the Burnham Scales of Pay *and is recommended for those who intend to enter the teaching profession.* Application may be made for the special syllabus.

- (c) **London B.Mus. Course.** Students who prove their suitability at the entrance examination and show that they have special talent in theoretical work may read for this degree provided they possess the necessary matriculation qualifications, particulars of which should be obtained from London University. Students may also study for the Durham B.Mus. Degree.

- (d) **Opera Training.** The Opera School attached to the College offers a full course of musical and stage training, and includes special classes in drama, movement and speech. It also gives opportunities for those who wish to train as répétiteurs. The Parry Theatre is fully equipped for presentation of stage performances and students have the opportunity of working on a permanent stage. Informal performances of excerpts from operas are given, and in addition there are formal productions with orchestra. The training is available for senior students of singing at the College, subject to an audition. Other students of singing may also be accepted, provided that they are between 22 and 28 years old. Such students may, if they wish, take their singing lessons outside College, in which case they pay a reduced fee (see page 7). Two opera scholarships, which cover the College fees, are usually awarded each year. They are given for one year and may be renewed. Auditions for scholarships and entrance to the Opera School will be held on Friday, May 14th, 1965.

- (e) **Postgraduate Training.** The College encourages applications from postgraduate students, and as far as possible will provide a curriculum which is suitable to their particular field of study.

- (f) **Short Course.** The short course, which ranks as part-time study, is available for students who have completed three years full time study at the Royal College of Music and wish to continue lessons in their principal study without having to attend on a full time basis. This facility may also be extended to other postgraduate students.
- (g) **M.Mus.(R.C.M.) Degree.** An advanced degree, which is normally only suitable for post-graduate students, and demands both scholarship and instrumental performance at a high level. Application may be made for the special syllabus.
- (h) **M.Mus.(R.C.M.) Research Degree.** A degree in Musical Research which is offered this year for the first time. A two year course is provided, details of which are given in the special syllabus which may be obtained on application. Only suitable for postgraduate students.

TIME OF ENTRY AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

Students will only be admitted at the beginning of the Christmas Term unless there are exceptional reasons for their wishing to begin their studies at some other time. They sign an undertaking on the Entrance Form to abide by the general regulations of the College. Students whose attendance, progress or conduct is unsatisfactory may at any time be asked to leave.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Places are awarded on musical ability, and for the normal curriculum no special academic qualifications are required. As mentioned above, certain academic qualifications are necessary for G.R.S.M. students and for those reading for degrees.

FEES

Tuition

G.R.S.M. Course Students	..	..	..	£55	per term.
Mus.B. Course Students	..	..	..	£55	per term.
M.Mus.(R.C.M.) Research Course	..	..	..	(See special syllabus)	
Opera Training	{ With singing lessons		..	£55	per term.
	{ Without singing lessons		..	£35	per term.
Short Course Students	..	..	..	£28	per term.
All other Students	..	..	..	£50	per term.

Extra tuition at student's request

10 minutes per week	..	..	..	4½ gns.	per term.
20 minutes per week	..	..	..	9	gns. per term.
30 minutes per week	..	..	..	13½	gns. per term.
Entrance and examination fee	..	..	..	2	gns.

Compulsory extra charge

Student Association Fee	..	..	..	1	gn. per year.
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Facilities for practising are available at College and at the Royal College of Organists, within two minutes walk. These facilities are free.

The Entrance and Examination fee must be paid at the time of application, but does not entitle the applicant to a place. In the event of withdrawal *30 days or more before the date of the examination*, half of the fee is returnable.

Tuition fees become due on the first day of term and are only returnable in exceptional circumstances such as a serious illness. The Council reserves the right to change the fees after due notice has been given.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Apart from overseas students who receive special directions about their method of entry, all applicants must attend an entrance examination. Particulars of the date and time are sent soon after the closing date for entries. Only in exceptional circumstances can applicants be examined at periods other than the one mentioned below.

Entrance to the College is competitive and in deciding whether a place can be awarded, the candidate's performance, musical promise and age are taken into account. Candidates should be prepared to perform two pieces of their own choice in their principal study, and will be given sight-reading. It may also be to their advantage to offer a piece in their second study. There is a theory paper containing questions on rudiments and tests in harmony, and two-part counterpoint. Normally the deciding factor in awarding a place will be the performance and promise shown in the first study.

Those who apply to take the B.Mus. degree will be required to take a more advanced theory paper at the entrance examination which may include four-part writing for strings, three-part counterpoint and the setting of given words for S.A.T.B. Those who wish to do G.R.S.M. will be asked to sight read at the piano whether or not it is their principal study, and to harmonize a short melody. They may also be given other general musicianship tests.

All candidates must offer one practical subject. Those offering composition as principal study must submit specimens of their compositions with the application form.

As a three hour theory paper has to be worked, candidates should expect to remain at College for most of the day of the examination. Specimen theory papers are not issued, and further information on these tests cannot be given.

Instrumentalists and Singers will be provided with an accompanist, or they may bring their own, if they wish.

TERMS, ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DATES AND CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRY

There are three 12 week terms each year. The dates up to the end of the (academic year,) 1965, are as follows:—

1964 Christmas Term	..	..	September 21st, 1964—December 12th
1965 Easter Term	..	..	January 14th, 1965—March 27th
1965 Summer Term	..	..	April 26th, 1965—July 17th
1965 Christmas Term	..	..	September 20th, 1965—December 11th

The closing date for entries for September, 1965, is February 1st, 1965, and late entries cannot normally be accepted. The Entrance examination will be held during the week beginning March 29th, 1965.

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT GRANTS

Successful candidates may be eligible for a grant from their Local Education Authority and must make their own applications.

ACCOMMODATION

The College is not residential but the Lady Superintendent will give advice about suitable accommodation.

REPORTS

Reports on the students' progress are sent annually to Parents or Guardians at the end of the Summer Term, and also to the Local Education Authorities of those who are being assisted financially.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Approximately 15 scholarships are offered annually to candidates who show exceptional promise in Pianoforte, Organ, Strings, Singing, Composition, Harp or Orchestral Wind or Brass instruments.

Scholarships are intended to cover the students' fees (£150 or £165 per annum depending on the course to be taken). Where, however, fees are met by a Local Education or other Authority, the scholarship will be paid as a cash grant of £100 per annum (£33.6.8 per term); in certain cases the grant may be increased but in no case will it exceed £165 per annum. The normal period of tenure is three or four years, but a scholarship may at any time be terminated by the College, if the health, progress or conduct of the scholar is unsatisfactory. The minimum period of tenure is one year. Successful candidates will be expected to begin their studies in September, 1965.

A few of the scholarships offered may be close scholarships, which have special or local conditions for candidates who are:—

- (1) Natives of Ulverston district (Lancashire), Yorkshire, Liverpool (or residing within 12 miles), Bristol (or adjacent counties), Kent, Norfolk, Shropshire, Berkshire, Devonshire, or Wiltshire.
- (2) Relatives or nominees of performing members of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society.

Scholarships, however, are awarded on merit, and eligibility for a close scholarship will not necessarily enhance a candidate's chance of gaining one.

Nationality, eligibility and examination

The scholarships are open to British subjects only and candidates under the age of 16 and over the age of 25 will not normally be eligible. Otherwise, all those who attend the entrance examination (during the week beginning March 29th) will be considered for a scholarship and there will not be a special competition nor is a further entrance form required. Some candidates will be asked to perform a second time on the day on which their examination takes place and must be prepared to remain at College until approximately 6.0 p.m.

Accompanists

An accompanist will be provided, but candidates may bring their own, if they choose.

Birth Certificate and medical report

A Registrar's official stamped Certificate of Birth and a satisfactory medical report must be sent for inspection by all winners of scholarships.

Results

Results will be sent by post as soon as possible after the examination.

EXHIBITIONS

Four Exhibitions of £45 per annum, to run for a maximum of three years, are awarded annually to students of any nationality, who are already in their first year at College.

PRIZES

A large number of prizes is awarded annually to College students of all nationalities.

JOHN R. STAINER,

Registrar.

